

DEEPLY INJURED PERSONS

In the course of some years in the profession of law, we have come in contact with a number of insolvents. That class of insolvents which having come naked into the world never acquire anything thereafter we are not discussing. Most of us can remember when as boys we owed five cents and did not have a cent in the world to pay it. We were in solvent, but not to the extent of involving us in the insolvency courts.

The men we speak of are those who have obtained large credits and who have failed, leaving all kinds and conditions of people in the hole. These men without exception have worn the air of a deeply injured person. They attribute their failure invariably to the fact that their creditors closed in on them when they should have extended them more credit.

They never admit that the blame is their own by reason of errors in judgement, carelessness, intemperance or extravagant personal expenditures.

It is the same old tale each time. The insolvent regards each and every man who has extended him credit as a sworn enemy, and as a rule there is nothing he will stop at, if he can keep a creditor from collecting his money.

WASHINGTON - ROOSEVELT

The New York Times offered prizes for the best original short anecdotes of real life. It awards first prize to this story of John S. Wise, of Virginia, who is a warm personal friend of President Roosevelt. Being in Washington a few days ago he visited the White House and was promptly accorded an interview. In the course of the conversation the President is said to have suddenly remarked: "Now, John, you are a very observing man, and know pretty near what is going on. Tell me, what the people seem to think of my administration?"

"Oh, Mr. President," Mr. Wise replied, "the opinion seem to be that you will go down to posterity with Washington."

"I am glad to hear that," the President is said to have said interrupting, as he grasped Mr. Wise's hand and shook it warmly. But as he released his hold Mr. Wise continued:

"But whether it will be with George or Booker T., I am not prepared to say."

The city of Charleston is having a spasm of virtue at this time. The object is to elect a city council that will put down vice. The effect is quite noticeable already. The election is to be held in the month of March.

Charleston is excited over the sale at public auction of a vacant lot 50x120 feet which sold for \$20,021. The lot fronts on Capitol Street and joins the lot on which the Federal Court building is. The price per front foot was \$571.

The county of Greenbrier is getting warmed up over politics. Captain Dodd McClung has entered a race with Mr. Buster for the county clerkship. H. L. VanSickler and Dr. Lowe seem to be the favorites for the legislature.

There is a certain West Virginia town where the liquor they sell is so mean that when a man goes into a saloon and buys a drink and swallows it the bar keeper puts his elbows on the bar and says impressively "Young man go out at once, I do not want to have any trouble with you." It is said that if a rabbit gets a drink of the liquor in that town that it will spit in a bull-dog's face.

Among the living celebrities few persons are more frequently married than Chauncey Depew in taking one wife. His recent marriage in France with Miss Mary Palmer promises to be the distinctive distinction of his distinguished career. The first ceremony was performed by State officials, the second by the Catholic prelates, and the bride is a devout Catholic, and the third ceremony was performed in an Episcopal Church, as the groom is of that faith. So far as known Mr. Depew has assumed the heaviest burden of marriage obligations of any living husband but it will not keep him from telling jokes after dinner we hope.

THAT SPLIT LOG

Rev. Mr. Crabtree Replies to Rev. Mr. Whitesell, "Ecclesiastical Impoliteness" Continued

Dear Editor—Permit me to say through your paper that we heartily agree with the article as copied from the Methodist Advocate Journal and also with the article of Rev. W. J. Whitesell, in reference to nicknaming churches, as "Northern Methodist," "Rebel or Slave Methodist," the "Old Side Methodist" or "the Northern church." This is all very much out of place to say the least.

For my part I would rather hear the Methodist Episcopal Church called the "Northern Church" than to hear it called the "Mother Church" because if she has mothered all the organizations which have separated from her, she would necessarily have to be considered a heinous prostitute and we would be forced to another shameful acknowledgment—that she had been cohabitating with the devil.

Yes, we have "sense enough to know" that there is no mother church, but I, for one, confess that that old darkey has more sense than I have if he can make that split log illustrate the two Methodisms in question.

I have heard of split apples, etc. before, but I have never had "sense enough" to see the point.

Now I freely admit that the people who organized the M. E. Church South had been members of the M. E. Church, but they withdrew (not were born) from that body in the very act of organizing another church. Just as it is today—when it is known that a member of one denomination has joined another his former membership is dropped.

How that body who organized a new church and, in order to distinguish it from the old, called it the M. E. Church South, can, or why they do, claim to be as old as the M. E. Church, from which they separated, I have not "sense enough" to see.

Suppose, a few of the officers and stockholders of the Bank of Marlinton were to become dissatisfied and draw out their stock, and organize another bank calling it the Bank of Marlinton South; would that Bank be as old as the Bank of Marlinton? Would it be a piece of the log, or a sprout?

Yours for facts,

A. M. CRAETREE.

Edray, W. Va.

DRISCOL

Hello, Mr. Editor, and it rained and sleeted, snowed and blowed, and then got colder.

Ground hog day is past and we do not know whether he saw his shadow or not, but Peyton was out.

Mr. P. is doing a big business with his sawmill in Possum Hollow.

Floyd Curry was a pleasant caller on Browns Mountain Sunday.

Miss Emma Warwick closed her term of school at Driscoll last week.

W. G. Ruckman says there is better pay in horse trading than in logging.

Smith and Whiting have commenced skidding logs near Huntersville.

The railroad surveyors are located at Huntersville and are at work on Knappa Creek.

Harry Acord is working for J. P. Townsend on the sawmill.

Miss Lillie Friel is progressing nicely with her school at Browns Mountain.

Mrs. Lizzie Ervine of Browns Mountain was visiting her sister Mrs. Docia Warren in Huntersville Saturday and Sunday.

Floyd Curry and Craig Friel made a flying trip to Mountain Grove last week.

There is an effort being made to build to build a church at Sunset. We hope it will be a successful endeavor.

Court day at Huntersville every Saturday. D. B. McElwee is Judge.

C. M. Gum, Constable, of Louisa, was in this partooking after the people's interests.

MRS. SWINEHAMER.

Preaching Appointment.

Buckeye, W. Va. Feb. 11, 1902

The second quarterly meeting of Marlinton Circuit was held at Swago the 1st and 2nd inst., and has been protracted with fair interest. The meeting last night was full of interest.

I will preach in the M.E. church South at Marlinton, D. V., at 4:15 Sunday in this month at 10:30 o'clock.

At Beaver Creek the 2nd Sabbath in March at 10:30 a. m.

OLIVER LOWTHER.

Pastor M. P. Church.

Some changes have recently been made in the teaching force and management of the Marshall Business College at Huntington.

G. A. Proffit, the former principal is no longer connected with the school.

W. A. Ripley, former principal of the Huntington Business College, is now the principal of Marshall Business College.

Mr. Ripley has stood by the business college almost from its beginning in Huntington and has worked up a big and prosperous school, enrolling hundreds of pupils from all parts of the country. Many graduates are placed in good positions direct from school.

The sad information has been received by his relatives and friends in our county that Russell D. Herold, son of the late Washington Herold near Frost, died January 23rd, 1902, at the Kansas City sanitarium, aged about thirty-eight years. He was a prominent merchant and citizen of Kiowa, Kansas, where his funeral obsequies were performed from the Kiowa Congregational church.

I will sell my grazing farm on Elk consisting of 360 acres; more or less. It has on it good house, large barn and outbuildings. The farm is situated at the foot of Elk Mountain on turnpike. The greater part is in good sod. Some valuable timber uncut. For price and terms address me at Edray, W. Va.

JACOB S. MOORE.

REV. H. W. McLAUGHLIN

Writes his First Letter to The Times on Board Steam Ship "Celtic"

Just Before Sailing.

Dear Times: About six months ago the way opened for the writer to take a trip abroad. I many, such a journey as we now enter upon is but an incident; to others it is an event. I frankly confess that I belong to the latter class. To leave church friends and family for three months would indicate that there were many inducements offered by such a trip. Many have asked the question "Why are you going?" To fit my self better for my important work. It is doubtless true that three months months abroad the Mediterranean and the British Isles will be worth more to a student than a season in one of our best universities. It costs but little more; takes less time; the value of the actual sight of the many places to be visited; I cannot but prove invaluable to a student of the Bible and church history.

Nearly all the achievement of the distant part were accomplished near the shores of the Mediterranean. Eliminate the happenings around this sea and you destroy ancient history.

The three greatest elevating forces are law, literature and religion. Three little countries washed by this little inland sea are honored as the birthplace of these. Rome, the mother of law, then Greece the mother of literature, and Palestine the mother of religion. The lawyers still have to know their Latin phrases, the Greek language is the peer of all others as a vehicle of expression. It was in the little rugged country of Palestine that God revealed to men the true religion through holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost and through his Son Jesus Christ.

As the Mediterranean was the storm centre of ancient history, so is the British isles of modern history.

We sail now in a few nights, 2:30 p. m. We expect to land in Madeira in about eight days.

From this island of flowers, I hope to send you a few impressions. With love for all my Pocahontas friends.

Cordially,

HENRY WOODS McLAUGHLIN

THE FLANNED FOOLS

An Englishman on the Subject of Kipling's Poem

Last night Mr. J. W. Lowther, M. P., was present at the annual meeting of the Stricklandgate Conservative Club at Penrith and delivered a speech. He said he regretted that in a few days he would have to leave Cumberland for a worse place. Instead of finding pure and bracing air, he would probably find in London fogs and mists, which would be inside as well as outside of Parliament. (Laughter.) There would be many foggy and misty speeches to listen to, and he was afraid many of them would not throw much light on the chief topic which now occupied attention. The great lights recently had been the poet—Lord Rosbery and Mr. Kipling. He could not help thinking that the poetry of Mr. Kipling was somewhat prosaic, and the prose of Lord Rosbery somewhat romantic. (Laughter.) Lord Rosbery suggested that the negotiations for peace should come from the Boers, but looking at all the negotiations so far he (Mr. Lowther) could not see how any hope of settlement could be held out so long as the Boers demand their independence as a condition of surrender. Any attempt to negotiate on such a basis would be both futile and fatuous. If we repeatedly went to the Boers cap in hand and asked them to negotiate and they refused they would come to the conclusion not only we were anxious to climb down, but that we were anxious to do anything to bring the war to conclusion. He was convinced that, deplorable though the continuation of war was and grievous the burdens present and prospective, yet anything was better than a peace such as was concluded after Majuba. (Cheers.) The whole policy had been fully and fairly summed up in the two words, "Never Again." Dealing with Mr. Kipling's poem, Mr. Lowther said he was afraid he was occasionally a "flanned fool" when he appeared on a cricket field. He thought Kipling had made a great mistake in supposing that the training which comes from games was not a training suitable for war. He believed on the contrary that the muscular development, self-control, pertinacity, perseverance and courage required in the best English games were those which make up good soldiers. (Cheers.) So far from discouraging Kipling, he should have given them his support. Penrith afforded a distinguished example in Colonel Rivington, a native of the town, who excelled on the polo grounds before going to South Africa. As to conscription he did not believe the present generation would see it become a practical question.—Carlist (Eng.) Journal.

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THE C. & O. TO CONNECT WITH CAMDEN SYSTEM?

Indications Seem to Point that Way.

Practicable Route Lies through Stony Creek Gap.

E. Peirce, Chief Engineer of the C. and O. railway is in town and there is much excitement over the building of a new railroad to this place to connect with the Greenbrier Division. We all know that the railway company has built a very fine branch road into this county at an enormous expense, and that the Elkins system closes the gaps to the north. But opposite to Marlinton is what is known as the Camden system of railways which connect with all the railways of the northern part of the State and furnish a connection to the Great Lakes. Now a line thirty odd miles long from Marlinton to Cowen or that neighborhood would furnish the Chesapeake and Ohio with an untold amount of freights and passenger traffic and control the railway business of the central part of the State which heretofore has practically belonged to the Baltimore and Ohio.

This connection was so important that before the Lukes bought their great tracts of spruce in upper Pocahontas that the only inducement this county had to the Chesapeake and Ohio was this connection and building through to Durbin was never considered.

One mountain will have to be crossed in going from Marlinton to the Camden System, or rather half a mountain, for the approach to the summit from the west is by a very gentle slope which leads directly into the Stony Creek gap, the lowest pass in the whole mountain range. The approach from the east is more abrupt but still very practicable for railroads as it takes but a twelve mile line to cross the barrier that a steep mountain road crosses in seven.

We speak from the standpoint of one thoroughly acquainted with the locality and the history of the railway surveying done in this county. If we had the money we would build it ourselves. If it were built that connection would be the main line and the road to Durbin a branch. Then there would be a more direct line from the center of the State to tide-water than the Chesapeake and Western could afford even if that much to be desired railroad were already built.

Stony Bottom.

Well, Mr. Editor, we are having very rough weather at this writing. The Silver Tongued Auctioneer blew his horn loud and clear at the Showalter sale Wednesday. Every thing went cheap. Skunk hunting seems to be the order of the day. Dave Beverage dug ten out of one hole. The Driftwood school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Maggie Steward.

Miss Mary Wooddell of Elk is attending the Driftwood school.

Mrs. W. R. Moore arrived here from Buena Vista Tuesday.

T. T. Dickson is in town on business.

Jesse Meeks had the misfortune to get his leg cut while working in the lumber camp on Cheat.

Auburn Friel says he don't get time to recite his lesson week days but makes up for it on Sunday.

Lanty Rider is cooking at J. S. Turner's Camp.

Mr. Duncan Moore says every thing is lovely and the goose hangs high; he is going to Clover-Lick in the sweet by and by!

W. R. Moore expects to build a few dwelling houses at Stony Bottom as soon as it quits raining and sleeting and snowing and blowing.

Samuel Sheets, our honorable Deputy Sheriff, was in town the other day.

James McClud has returned from Pennsylvania and says let it snow.

Ed Showalter has gone to Elk to do some carpenter work.

Loyd Williams has undertaken the job of cutting the timber for W. R. Moore.

Hurrah for Mr. Bailey, he wants a dwelling house built.

YANKEE DOODLE.

Academy.

We are having fine winter weather. The beautiful white mantle has covered the ground for three weeks, giving protection to the wheat and grass, though it came too late to do wheat much good. Wheat gives less promise now than for years at this season. The winter weather is causing the feed to be rapidly consumed. Feed is high though not scarce. Stock is wintering well, and the showing now is that it will command a fair price in the spring, especially the yearlings, as there is a good demand already.

Peterson and Jones of McDowell, Virginia, were here last week looking for yearling cattle, and have gone on to Greenbrier Co.

From the number of drummers the prospect must be fine for a brisk spring trade, if they are an indication.

Quite a crowd attended Justice Curry's court at Academy Saturday. There were four lawyers and quite a crowd of witnesses.

There seems to be a good demand for timber in every shape, giving our people employment in hauling lumber, staves, logs, etc., which ought to make times good and money plentiful.

From present indications the groundhog is going to keep up his reputation as a weather prognosticator, but we shall see what we shall see.

J. Howard Bird is in town today. Sorry to hear of his misfortune in losing his house and goods by fire at Cass.

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